gazing steadily at them, his hands on his knees, Suddenly the Chinaman extended his right hand, palm upward, toward one of the birds, which I had by this time discovered were not ducks. This particular bird came briskly toward the Chinamen, and climbed upon his open palm. The man stroked its feathers fondly. abbed his cheek along its neck, and talked to t in Chinese, evidently in terms of endearment. The bird seemed delighted with this treatment It laid its head on the Chinaman's arm, stroked his face with its queer-looking bill, and returned all his caresses. This mutual fondling continued for perhaps a minute. Then the Chinaman moved with the bird to the further side of the first I realized what was going on. Here was a Chinese fisherman and his invaluable aids, the cormorants. "When this cormorant was placed on the edge

of the float it dipped its bill into the water. snapped it loudly, looked up and down the side of the raft, turned its head, fixed its glittering black eyes an instant on its master, and then alld from the float down into the water, without

sold from the most cown into the water, without leaving as much as a ripple where it disampted the reappearance of his bird without any apparent concern or impatience. The other birds remained standing at their end of the raft, almost the standing at their end of the raft, almost dived into the water remained under for nearly half a minute. Then it came up with a pop that dived into the water remained under for nearly half a minute. Then it came up with a pop that half the bedy of a fish protruded from its bill. The bird swam straight for the raft, elimbed upon it jumped upon its master's knee, with the shall the common remove the fish with the shall the common remove the fish with the shall the common remove the fish mouth close to a head murmered what were cormorant shock out its feathers and in various ways showed its delight.

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"In this way the Chinaman continued fishing with his birds for hours, and when he ceased he had his basket, which would hold half a bushel, heaped with fish from eight inches to a foot in length. They looked like herring. As long as I was in China, although I made many warm friends among the cormorant fishermen, I was never able to find out from them how they taught these queer birds to fish. The Chinamen seemed to hold the method a sacred secret."

Teed to Entertain Old-time Tammany Leaders.

SARATOGA, Oct. 27 .- John W. Gaffner, the keeper of a drinking place on South Broadway. was taken to the county jail to-day, on a warrant issued by United States Commissioner Davison, in default of \$800 ball for excise viola-tions. Gaffiner was a protege of the late John McBride Davidson of New York and Saratoga, and his place used to be the Saratoga rendezvous twenty-five years ago of William M. Tweed, Judge Cardozo, Harry Genet, and other old-time Tammany leaders.

Capt. Howgate in Court.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27. - Capt. Henry W. Howgate, represented by Mr. A. S. Worthington as attorney, appeared in the District Criminal Court to-day and withdrew his plea of "not guilty" to the indictinents against him charging forgery and embezziement, and filled demorrers on which argument will be heard on the 15th proxime. It is understood that Col. Robert J. Ingersoli, an old friend of Caut. How-gate a, will be called in by the defendant to assist in the case. CLIPS CIGARS AND FINGERS, TOO. A New Paugled Machine That is Responsi-

ble for a Lot of Profaulty. "Automatic cigar clippers" is what the com-pany that manufactures the machines calls them, but people who have tried to fathom their mechanism by poking their fingers into the holes, have various unprintable names for them. The clippers have just been put upon the market, and as any novelty in the smoker's line attracts attention, they are to blame for much profanity. They are to be found in many of the big eight stores in town, and the company has patented the clipper all over the civilized world. They are warranted to clip clean anything short of a tenpenny nall. One on exhibition in a Park row cigar store has proved its efficiency by elipping off the ends of inquisitive finites which have been poked in the receptacles meant for cigars.

meant for cigars.

Oh, yes, it is quite a success, but we have to keep constant watch on it to prevent our customers from losing the ends of their fingers."



said the Park row dealer. "Some of them are going around now with their lingers done up in bandages. It is an interesting machine, however, from the fact that it shows just how many kinds of fool a curious man can make of himself. Now, every man who clips his cigar with the new clipper is surprised at the manner in which it works and tries to discover its mechanism. There is no way of doing this without taking the machine apart, but he tries to find out what's inside just the same. There's another thing about it that makes it valuable. It preserves all the ends clipped from clears. These are preferred by some pipe smokers to ordinary tobacco, and sell at 25 cents a pound."

The clipper is shaped like a trunk, and is about four inches high and six inches long. There are three clipping boles, the largest of which is just oig enough to admit the tip of the little finger. The holes are covered on the this ide by a small nickel plate. Inside are two sharp steel knives arranged so that they revolve in a semi-circle. As soon as the plate is pressed down by a cigar or a little finger the machinery is set going and the sharp knives fly around, neatly alicing off the end of the cigar or the finger, whichever is in position. The machinery is wound up with a key. The machine is good for 200 clips from a single winding.

A QUEER NORTH CAROLINA RACE. Are These Descendants of Members of the

Lost Colony of Ronnoke ! There live in the swamps of Robeson county, North Carolina, a strange race of people. Their manners, customs, and personal appearance are unlike those of any other race on the American continent. They live within themselves, and their intercourse with their neighbors, both white and colored, is limited to the extent which necessity demands. Among the citizens of the county they are called Portuguese and mulattoes. They are neither. Recent investigations by antiquarians who have closely studied their characteristics, incline to the opinion that they are the descendants of the Croatan Indians and

the lost colony of Roanoke Island. It is an historical fact that on the arrival of the relief expedition fitted out by Sir Walter Raleigh and Sir Richard Grenville the colony planted on Roancke Island a few months before had totally disappeared. Years afterward, when the country had become sparsely settled by the English, and when the Tuscorora Indians were the dominant tribe, it was a tradition among them that in the interior there were white men who were members of a smaller tribe of Indians. and that these men possessed many of the gifts of the English. It is generally thought that when the English vessels sailed to England for supplies for the infant colony those left on Roanoke Island were too weak to defend themselves against the Croatan Indians, their nearest were killed and the women and children carried away into captivity.

Whatever may be the supposition, the fact, nevertheless, remains, that in this remote county of the old North State, there exists to-

Whatever may be the supposition, the fact, nevertheless, remains, that in this remote county of the old North State, there exists today a strange and peculiar people. Their associations have, in the main, been with those who, previous to the war, were known in the Southern States as free negroes. They intermarried with these free negroes, and the majority of them are more or less tinctured with African blood. This admixture, however, does not change their characteristics. There are among them certain families who have held aloof from such alliances, and these occupy a position of superiority, while they are not, in the strictest sense, tribal in their government: they bow, in implicit obedience, to their rulers, who are always members of these pure-blooded families. These pure bloods, in personal appearance, resemble the Portuguese, but in every other characteristic, they are more like the Indian. They are brave, generous, natural hunters, fine shots, and very truthful. The swamps abound in game such as bear, deer, ducks, turkeys, and smaller animals, and birds. They never forget an injury, and treasure up their feelings of vengeance till they find a way to gratify it. They live in houses of peculiar architectural design, resembling the "dug out" of the primitive Western settler.

A few years ago these people bocame asource of terror to their white neighbors. One of their principal men, Henry Berry Lowery, organized a band of them and wrough as much crime in Robeson and the adjoining counties as did the James yang in its more extensive field of operations. This man, on account of a real or fancied wrong, waylaid and murdered a wealthy and influential white man, a Mr. Townsend. The herrors of an Indian war, except the scalping of the victims, followed. Women and children were killed as well as able-bodied men. No race was exempt. It was a war of extermination. Houses were burned, stock desiroyed, and the country laid waste. After committing depredations, the band would return to the swamps, which are almost as i

LITTLE ITALY'S INTENTIONS.

Mulberry Street's Assuult on the Natural-ization Offices. A good deal of Mulberry street has been tem-

porarily transferred to the Supreme Court building and to the third floor of the Post Office building during the past week. Begin an inquiry there as to the cause, and you will evoke a flood of late Latin and Levantese out of which it will be gleaned that in some roundabout interpreting padrone pantata way the Italian la-borer has learned that he cannot be employed on public works until he has at least declared his intention of becoming a citizen of the United States. So Tonto and Ludivico and Giuseppe have flocked to the court rooms by the thoubave flocked to the court roams by the thousand to get their first papers, and the hallways have been blocked with them and the quene has stretched along the corridors and up the staircase to the floor above, where it has ended in a sort of fine Mediterranean spray.

The district type of nationality is strongly impressed on every member of the daily crowd. They are all from the pocket of the middle seasourt, black-eyed, thick nosed, square-jawed, and of medium height not six inches of variation of stature in the whole line. There is a sort of drive picturesqueness about the crowds with their daming neckties, bronze cheeks, and brans earrings, and the sight of Michael Angelo Tagitapletra otherwise Mike, the stancounterslipping through the snay door of American cidzenabip in a while fire cap, brown velvetoen coat, trousers of that pscullar checkerboard pattern that they never make out of Italy, and rubber boots with red flannel tops is something to make an artist out of a United States marshal. There are not half a hundred Knglish words current amons the whole crowd, and they do just exactly what two or three busy "notaries" tell them to do, living up here and moving along there like a flock of garlie-ealing Steillan sheep.

THE CURE OF DIPHTHERIA. PROP. BERRING'S GREAT DISCOT-ERY DESCRIBED IN DETAIL.

The Highest Medical Authorities Concede
Its Efficacy - Adopted in the Hospitals of
the European Capitals - It May Lead
to Cures for Other Bendly Diseases. The cure for diphtheria, discovered by Prof. Behring of the University of Halle, seems to have passed the experimental stage, and the highest medical authorities now concede its wonderful efficacy. The French Budget Com-mittee has recommended a Government appropriation of 100,000 francs for the purchase of scrum to be distributed among the Rospitals of France, Berlin has taken steps to obtain a supply for all its hospitals, while in Vienna, Dresden, and other Continental cities the treatment has already been adopted. In New York, too, the remedy will soon be in use, Health Com-missioner Dr. Cyrus Edson having declared his belief that it is the most remarkable discovery on record in therapeutic medicine.

Prof. Behring began in 1890 the experiments that resulted in his discovery. He is a disciple of Prof. Koch, whose experiments with lymph for the cure of consumption attracted the attenion of the whole world a few years ago. Prof. Loffler, another disciple of Koch, had already discovered the bacillus that produces diphtheria, and an army of investigators was at work upon the line of inquiry previously followed by Pasteur, trying to turn the discovery to practical use. Pasteur's inoculation method was based upon the theory that the bacteria must be weakened before being introduced into the blood, as otherwise death and not immunity from the disease would ensue. The investigators of the diphtheria bacillus only succeeded in cincidating that not only the bacilli themserves produce the malady, but that the liquid In which they have been cultivated has the same effect even though it contain not a single same effect even this discovery was made by Dr. Ronx of Paris. Taking it as a starting point, Prof. Behring began the series of experiments that led to his great achievement.

Instead of levelling his attack against the bacteria he decided to leave them in peace, and to paralyze their action by rendering the soil in which they work barren, by imparting to the blood qualities which would render them inpercent. According to the theory of predistor-

to paralyze their action by rendering the soil in which they work barren, by imparting to the blood qualities which would render them innecesses. According to the theory of predisposition to disease, upon which much light has been thrown by Dr. Wassermann of Berlin, not only are the bacteria not absolutely necessary for the production of the disease, but their presence is by no means a proof that it exists. Numbers of perfectly healthy persons have been found to have diphtherial bacteria in their blood without suffering any inconvenience. What is the explanation of this curious fact? Simply that they also possess in their blood that they also possess in their blood the antilote to the poison. Now, this immunity is not inborn, inherited. It is acquired, and is therefore a characteristic of old people to a much greater extent, than of the young. To confer it by artificial means was therefore the problem to be solved.

Prof. Behring's first experiments were made on guinea pigs. He found that the poisonous virus, if injected into the blood in small quantities, is harmless. Then he tried the effect of gradually increasing the doses, with the same result, and at last he injected bacteria enough to killa number of uninoculated animals into one guinea pig, and it remained as healthy and brisk as before. Prof. Behring then advanced a step further, and discovered that, as bacteria are not necessary to cause the disease, neither are they needed in order to render the organism proof against it. As the infection may lie in the fluid in which they were cultivated, so the antidote may be sought for in the blood of the animal incoulated, and he found by experiment that such is the case, and that that element of the blood which can thus render an organism diphtheria proof is the serum.

the effects of scrum injections are equally satisfactory, and he believes that in time it will be found quite as effectual against typhus, choiers, and perhaps even pulmonary diseases.

Football Admission Prices.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Apropos of your paragraph in Friday's edition in regard to the high price of admission charged to the football games, I would like to say that al-though one of the new rules this year shortens the playing time from two halves of 45 minutes each to two halves of 30 minutes each, nothing each to two halves of 30 minutes each, nothing has been heard of a reduction in price. No doubt the managers of the football elevens, believing they can get top price no matter how they shorten time, will refuse to lower the price of alimission, although the public will have less by one-third for their money than heretofore. When a theatre has a may on the beards that is so short as not to fill the time of a reasonable evening's entertainment they generally have a curtain raiser which, if nothing else, demonstrates that the spirit of the management is to give the people their money's worth. Should footballists charge as much for 60 minutes' play as they did in years past for 90 minutes'?

Asutar Park, Oct. 20.

A New Whist League for New Jersey. A New Jersey Whist League was organized at Elizabeth on Wednesday last, representatives being present from many of the prominent clubs of the State. Among the well-known whist players present were 6. T. Bogers, repre-senting the Park Club of Plainfield, V. S. Mul-ford of the Montrian Club, and William P. Trier of the Elizabeth Whist Club. The organi-sation has already inaugurated an intercind tourrament, in which handsome prizes will be awarded to the winning club and to the indi-vidual team winning the greatest number of games.

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MEN'S ERRORS IN DRESS.

A Young Woman of Observation Says that Such Solecisms Are Common.

"It is surprising," said a young woman of observation, "how near some of you men-fellows come to being properly dressed and don't quite get there. I've heard a good deal of talk and read a good deal of writing about the fine art of the intertion may not a new more and the content of the intertion may into a new more and the form in the most more and and that that element of the blood which can have all that a content of the blood which can be all the state of the sta dressing well, but my idea is that it's just a question of the preservation of the entities. It's just like apple sauce with roast pork and cur-rant jelly with canvas-back duck—the proper

Ginsgow in good style. The details furnished by Sporting Life are:

"At the Sheffield (Attercliffe) Swimming Club gala, held at the Attercliffe Baths on Tuesday night, the champion, J. H. Tyers, started in the first heat of the six lengths open handicap. Tyers was advertised to attempt to swim six lengths (141 yards) in 1 minute 38 seconds. Tyers, who was handicapped to owe 10 seconds, conceded J. Foster 41 seconds, S. Pilling 35, and A. T. Johnson 33. Swimming in magnificent form, Tyers swam 141 yards in 1 minute 35 seconds, thus creating a record for this particular distance. In the final heat Tyers conceded the winner, A. Lawrence of Sheffield. I minute 25 seconds, and was beaten about seven yards in 2 minute 25 seconds. Tyers covered 134 vards in 1 minute 25 seconds. Tyers covered 134 vards in 1 minute 25 seconds. Tyers covered 134 vards in 1 minute 25 seconds. And had he been timed for the full distance, would doubties have beaten his previous time, as he had 9 2-5 seconds in which to cover seven yards to equal his 1 minute 27 2-5 seconds. It was unfortunate that Tyers was not timed alone in the final, and he would have been, only it was undertained that the did not intend to unduly exert himself.

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cent form, Tyers swam 141 yards in 1 minute 37 2-5 seconds, thus creating a record for this particular distance. In the final heat Tyers conceded the winner, A. Lawrence of Sheffield, 1 minute 25 seconds, and was beaten about seven yards in 2 minutes 53 seconds—deducting Lawrence's start, 1 minute 25 seconds. Tyers covered 134 vards in 1 minute 25 seconds, and, had he been timed for the full distance, would doubtless have beaten his previous time, as he had 9 2-5 seconds in which to cover seven yards to equal his 1 minute 27 2-5 seconds. It was unfortunate that Tyers was not timed alone in the final, and he would have been, only it was understood that he did not intend to unduly exert himself.

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"At the swimming gala held on Thursday night in the Corporation Baths, Preston, by the Preston Amatour Swimming Club, J. H. Tyers (amateur champion) made a successful attempt to break the 200 yards world's record, amateur or professional. Tyers covered the distance in 2 minutes and 20 seconds, thus beating Nuttall's record, mide at Salford a year ago, by one second, amid great enthusiasm. The feat was carefully timed.

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HORSEMEN IN NEW QUARTERS.

bridge road near 217th street. The club was organized last spring, but the new establishment was not in full working order until the autumn. The incorporators are: Col. Lawrence Kip, A. Newbold Morris, J. G. K. Lawrence, F. A. Hammond, J. H. Coster, W. M. Filem, J. B. Houston, and Samuel W. Taylor, Jr.

The doom of Jerome Park, for so many years the stopping place of gentlemen drivers out for a day's sport, made a new club house a necessity. Jerome avenue lost some of its charm when the old club house closed its doors, and as the famous old drive is badly out of condition, drivers of fast horses had to look for another place to drive. The construction of the Harlem River Speedway and the many other fine drives on the west side of the city made them turn their attention to this section, and the result



ENTRANCE TO THE CLUB GROUNDS. was the Suburban Riding and Driving Club,

This was in April, but it was not until late in May that a club house and grounds were opened. After unsuccessful negotiations for another piece of property, the club finally secured the old Scaman Castle, on Kingsbridge road. The property was leased for a term of three years, with a privilege of renewal, from Lawrence Drake, who succeeded to the estate, after a long and tedious litigation, and is an enthusiastic member of the club. Since then the Suburban Club has spent \$10,000 on the building and grounds in preparing them for club use. New plumbing has been put in, and steam-heating apparatus is now being fitted. Dining, smoking, reception, and reading rooms now take the place of the former, arrangement of the interior of the building. The conservatory has been altered into a "sun room." The old estate was well provided with stables for ordinary purposes, but the club has put up a row of very substantial looking sheds in addition. The drives have been trimmed up and put into excellent condition. Feligible Eisler is the club's steward. Most of the members have known him for over twenty years as steward at the Jerome Park club house.

The Seaman estate is well situated for a riding and driving club. Kingsbridge road is a part of Broadway and promises to be an important drive in the future. The completion of the Speedway, Dyckman street, and the new French boulevard along Fort Washington ridge, added to the building and grounds in preparing them for



THE CLUB HOUSE.

the Ridge road and other fine drives already in use, on this side of the city, will make the new club house centrally situated. Although it is accessible by rail from the Kingsbridge stations of the Central and the Northern roads, the great majority of members ride or drive to the house by Kingsbridge road. Just now the Kingsbridge road is in poor condition, the surface being rather heavy, but the club is making efforts to have this remedied.

Other attractions will soon be offered to the members. Those who have the golf craze will be accommodated, for the Seaman grounds furnish excellent space for a gulf course, and links will be laid out.

The membership roll of the club numbers nearly 390. The officers are: President, Col. Lawrence Kin: Vice-President, A. Newbold Morris: Secretary, Samuel W. Taylor, Jr., and Treasurer, John H. Coster, The House Committee is composed of J. G. K. Lawrence, James H. Heekman, F. A. Lammond, J. H. Houston, J. H. Coster, and Frank A. Watson.

Abbott of the Nassaus is the only prominen carsman who continues to take a daily spin in his shell on the Harlem. The Metropolitan and Harlem rowing clubs each expect to hold boxing tournaments this coming winter at their club houses.

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The Malta Boat Club of Philadelphia, it is said, are selecting men for junior eight-oared shell crews, who will commence training in a few weeks, and one of these crews is contemplated for the Passaic regatta next year.

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The members of the Passaic Boat Club of Newark at a recent meeting voted down the resolution to increase their annual dues from \$12 to \$18. The advecates of this measure pro-pose to bring the subject up again and force it through, as the dues of their rival club, the Triton, is \$18. The Metropolitan Rowing Club of this city

The Metropolitan Rowing Club of this city propose to purchase rowing machines shortly and will engage a professional coach to train the men during the winter season. During the past season the club has added a number of enthusiastic young men, who are anxious to try for various crews for next season. In the club's new commodious boat house there is room for eight machines.

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The Seawanhaka Boat Club of Brooklyn will hold a professional boxing tournament on Nov. 8, and some excellent talent has been engaged. Each member will be entitled to two tickets. The bicycle branch of the club have adopted a distinctive uniform and has now twenty-two members. Several members have what they think is a better location for the new boat house the club is having built on Flushing Bay, which site has plenty of room for both boat and club houses.

Strengthening Westoyan's Team. MIDDLETOWN, Conn., Oct. 27.-The support-

ers of the Wesleyan football team feel consider ably encouraged over the good showing made by their crippled team in the last two games with Brown and Amherst. Ten days ago the management was almost ready to disbaud the team on account of the very poor record it was making, but now that it is in very good form with some coaching the record for the rest of the scatte may be a very satisfactory one. The next game is with Trinity on Nov. 7, and in the intervening time the coachers hope to dein the intervening time the coachers hope to develop an eleven that may come back from Hartford victorious. The coaching will be under the direction of E. L. Steels, 194, and J. S. Pullman, who was captain of the team in '92.

Several of the men who have been laid up by various injuries are expected out the first of next week. Capt. Leo. '14, who has been kept from playing by a broken rik, will be on the field Monday. Scarles, '19, who has had blood poisoning in his arm, and Alieu, '98, who broke his nose in the game with Arnherst, will also be out, and will very likely be the two 'varsity tackles. Alexander. '98, who was playing a star game be ore he wrenched his knee, will resume his old place at left end. The other end will probably be taken by Arthur Young, whose twin brother, Archie, will probably play half back. These twins played on the ends in the game against Amberst last Wednesday, and their work was almost phenomonal. They are easily the best and flercest tacklers on the team. The weakest point in the team at present is in the centre. All three centre inch are inexperienced and almost too light to be able to stand the pounding that the centre of the line gets nowadays. But if the centchers can succeed in arrengthening this weakness and can develop some better interferuce and team work, the team will be all right, for the other positions are alled by good individual players. velop an eleven that may come back from Hart-

The Saburban Siding and Driving Cinb's Mome in the Old Seaman Castle, The newly organized Suburban Riding and Driving Club is about to have a formal opening of its new club house and grounds on Kings-

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TWO SPEEDY WHEELMEN.

Harry Tyler, Holder of Many Records, and A. Gardner, the Class A Flyer, wheelmen anxiously awaited the record trials at

When the late tournament season closed, some of the leading tracks, and it remained for Harry Tyler, the Springfield racer, to make the first inroads into the records. He now holds the



A. GARDNER.

world's half-mile, flying start, paced, record or 52 1-5 seconds. He also holds the half-mile. standing start, paced, record of 57 seconds. Last Monday in a one-mile invitation race Tyler rode the fastest mile ever made in competition, 2 minutes 5 4-5 seconds.

During the past three seasons he has maintained a leading position in cycle racing. He lives at Springfield, Mass., and is a member of the Springfield Bicycle Club. He is 22 years old and weighs 165 pounds. Tyler has a particularly clean, clear record as a racer, never having been mixed up in any investigations or having any charges preferred against him to the racing officials. Tyler has always had a number of records and championships to his credit, but his record rides this fall have eclipsed all previous

performances.

The record of 1 minute 35 2-5 seconds for one mile made upon a straightaway course on the road by John S. Johnson will hardly be recognized by the L. A. W., as the organization does not assume any jurisdiction over road perform-



R. C. TYLER.

B. C. TYLER,
ances. Chairman Raymond, when asked what
he thought of the ride, stated that it was very
fast indeed. He further stated that, outside of
Tom Eck, Johnson's manager, the timers and
other officials were strangers to him. The Century Road Club of America will pass upon the
record, and considerable interest will be manifested in the result of their investigations.

A class A man was developed in the West
this season who proved to be a formidable opponent at all the big tournaments and secured
the title of class A champion. This rider is A.
Gardner, a resident of Chicago. Gardner, who
is twenty years old, commenced riding at the
local events in the West last spring and at once
sprang into prominence as a rider of great
speed. At the Deaver meeting he won all the
leading class A track events, even taking a
leading position in the road race held at the
same place. Gardner is regarded as one of the
most promising riders for next season.

CONNECTICUT'S MISSING QUAIL. A Theory that They Have Been Lured Away by Birds from Virginia.

ANSONIA, Oct. 27.-The Game law has been off three weeks and the predictions that it would prove one of the best seasons in years have come true. The woods and fields are full of partridges and many woodcock are shot, but quali seem to be scarcer than was antiripated. An old sportsman, who is a close observer, has a novel theory to account for this fact. Several years ago the Pequot Club of Derby imported several hundred Virginia quail to restock the woods hereabouts. Then the Ansonia Rod and Gun Club did the same thing for two successive seasons. It was expected that with these reënforcements the quail supply would soon be plentiful. The contrary has proved the case. The sportsman's theory is that the Virginia quall is migratory. The Southern birds mate with the natives, and in the autumn, when the migratory instinct is feit by the foreign birds, the natives become possessed with the same idea and accompany the Virginians on their way south, taking with them the members of their families. In the spring the birds start for the north, but stop before they reach Connecticut, and as a result quall are becoming scarcer every year. The Southern birds are smaller than the native stork, and can fly further and faster.

This theory is supported by the fact that hundreds of bevies are seen at the shore every antiums, and it is said of all migratory birds that when they leave this souther they strike for Long Island Sound and follow the shore to New York, This would account for the numbers of quall and other birds found about the Bartholdi staine light, against which they strike when flying at night. This theory is generally accepted by local sportsmen, who are at their wits roda to devise some way of restocking the local hunting grounds with a bird which they can find next season.

The scarcity of quall is made up by the pientifulness of partiringes. Excellent bags of this game are brought in every day, and the birds are becoming to tame that they come into town

in the daytime. One woman in Litchfield has a cat which has caucht three in the garden this season. An Oxford farmer, who was driving his oxen into Seymour one day last week, started up a covey of partridges, and, swinging his long goad, and lash through, she air, he brought down two, with troken necks. A similar incident happened to George B. Clark, ox-Sejectman of Derby. While driving along a country road near here, a flock of partridges flew across the road over his head. He had a whip in his hand, and, with a swish through the centre of the flock, he succeeded in twisting the short lash about the neck of a bird, killing it.

It is reported that reed-bird shooting has been killing it.

It is reported that reed-bird shooting has been good down the Housatonic River this autumn. Some very large strings of this delicious little bird have been shot. On the Essex marshes, at the mouth of the Connecticut River, over 5,000 have been shot since the season opened.

YACHTING NEWS OF INTEREST.

John A. Morris's steam yacht Cora is receiving some new planking at Tebo's. Charles R. Flint will shortly go South on a hooting trip in his steam yacht Nada. William C. Dickson's steam yacht Senecs ar-rived at this port on Tuesday from Norfolk, Va. Augustus W. Mott's fine old schooner yacht Magic was one of the last yachts to go out of

commission.

Henry Belknap's steam yacht Magnolia has been laid up at Port Jefferson, L. I., in charge of Capt, Nicholas Hanson.

The Rev. William L. Moore's steam yacht Lagonda is receiving a new smokestack at Manning's South Brooklyn başin.

Vice, Commodore Charles Solheim of the Williamsburgh Y. C. has sold his aloop yacht Mispah to James Cockle of Brooklyn.

H. M. Eigeler's workt Alleis will shortly layer. H. M. Flaglor's yacht Alleia will shortly leave Tebo'z hasin in tow for Wilmington, Del., to receive alterations. Capt. Titus is in charge. The interior of the Brooklyn Yacht Club's city home was recently badly damaged by fire and a number of valuable paintings and models were destroyed.

The Prince of Wales's cutter Britannia is on the ways having her copper sheathing removed, she will be recalked and recoppered previous to being launched.

William A. Slater's new steam yacht Eisanor, which started on her cruise around the world the other day, returned to New London on Thursday on account of the storm. The steam yacht Starling, formerly owned by David Dows, Jr., has been sold to W. L. Lock-hart of Cambridge, Mass. Mr. Dows is reported to have purchased the steam yacht Stranger. The Messre, Hansen of Cowes, Isla of Wight, are building a large drop keel racing cutter and a new dingy for Ogden Goelet of this city, who has Mrs. langtry's steam yacht White Ladye under charter.

The steam yacht Mohican, 700 tons, owned by the estate of the late John Clark and well know to American yachtsmen through her visit here with the Thistle in 1887, has been sold to a French with the Thistle in 1887, has been sold to a

Henry Doscher, in spite of the loss of his forty-footer Hanshee at New Rochelle during the re-cent gaie, is still sailing around the Sound in his sloop Wacondah, which is about the only sail-ing yacht still in commission on the Sound. E. C. Benedict's steam yacht Oneida is among the last of the yachts to go out of commission at Tebo's. During the winter she will be fitted with a new boiler and receive a number of minor alterations. Capt. Samuel Lowberg is in Designer William Garder says that he thinks 1803 will see any number of new yachts affort, and he, along with a great number of brother de-signers, are hard at work on the lines of new beats which are expected to surprise the yacht-log fragration.

At a recent meeting of the Corinthian Mos-quito Fleet, whose headquarters are at New Rochelle, it was decided to enlarge the scope of the organization's operations by making it a genuine yacht club, and after this yachts over 25 feet will be eligible to membership. It is also said that a new name will be selected for the organization.

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W. Gould Brokaw of the schooner Viator has presented to Stephen W. Roach, owner of the steam yacht Emeline, a handsome silver cup in recognition of the services rendered by his steam yacht in the recent storm at Larchmont. In addition to the above Mr. Brokaw presented the Emeline's Captain with, \$100 and each member of the crew with \$10 for their hard work in saving his boat.

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Mesars, Inglis, who are to build the new 160-ton cutter from Fife's designs for Mr. Walker, have creeted a shed for the new yacht's accommodation, and work on her hull will immediately be started. As the cutter is to be delivered on Jan. I, work on her will be pushed at all possible speed, as she is to be ready in time to take part in the Medifferranean regardas in March.

Vice-Commodore E. M. Brown, who, it is said, will be the next Commodore of the New York Yacht Club, has purchased the English steel stemm yacht Syivia abroad and has sent his Captain and engineer across to bring her over. The Syivia, which is 130 feet on the water line, 150 feet over all, 18 feet 6 inches beam, and 6 feet of inches depth of hold, was built in Glasgow by Mesars. A. Stephens & Sons in 1882, and is fitted with compound engines.

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The Neptune Yacht Club is the name of a new club formed in New Rochelle. Charles M. Comnoily has been elected Chairman of the new organization, and the club will shortly secure a home near New Rochelle harbor. The first regular meeting of the new organization will be held at 6 Neptune place on Oct. 29. The officers of the new club are: Charles M. Connolly, Chairman; R. T. Badgley, Secretary; A. Townsend, Treasurer, and L. C. Ketchum, Chairman of the Site Committee.

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At the annual meeting of the Jamaica Bay Yacht Club the following officers were elected for 1804: Commodore, E. F. Hewlett: Vice-Commodore, Louis Ebszert; Rear Commodore, William Scheer; Tréasurer, L. M. Pearsall: Fl. mancial Secretary, L. D. Burnham; Recording Secretary, Louis Pfag; measurer, J. Van Alen; Net Surgeon, Dr. J. Mayer; Board of Trustees, H. F. Hewlett, Louis Bossert, William Scheer, O. L. Schwencke, Philip Leibinger, C. E. Prassall, J. C. Lefferis, Charles Engert, and June Laudman.

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One of the remarkable boats of the year in English waters has been the saucer-shaped Sorveress, a 1-rater designed and built by Mr. Linton Hope, her dimensions being: Over all, 29 feet; l. w. l., 18 feet 10 inches; beam, 8 feet; draught, 65g inches; displacement, 1,470 pounds; sail area, 318 square feet. She has a steel centroplate but 2 feet wide and 6 feet deep, of kinch thickness, thus permitting a certain amount of flexibility. She has not only proved a winner, but has done some very fast salling in rough water, and has raced at times in a very heavy sea for so small a boat and such cutrema proportions.

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H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, the popular Commodore of the Royal Yacht Squadron, has made a very handsome present to that club. The gift to ansists of twenty-one brass cannons. The gift is made in order that the royal sainte can be fired without having to recharge, as during the past version an accident occurred to the signalman at the R. Y. S. when recharging one of the commons, his hand being shattered through hastily overramming the charge. The cannons formerly belonged to the Royal Adelaide, and on each are the words. "William Ret." They went to Cowes from Virginia Waler.

A remarkable accident is reported to have occurred to a yacht belonging to the Royal Sydney Vacht Squadron in Twofold Bay. The Information says that quits a number of whice had made their appearance in the bay recently, and several had been captured. The yacht Teatreph was at anchor when one of these sea monsters made its appearance, and while carsening about struct the yacht a terraic blow. The indury to the Itsa Teghi must have been serious, as in half an hour she had stink. The whate did not appear to notice this triffs, but continued its course and came into viotent contact with the Teatford Bay lefty. Samaging the structure. Considering the force with which the leviathan seems in collision with both the yacht and the jetty it is very likely it was a binni shade. The yacht was a 2-tonner, is just long, of good build, so that the blow which as he had not have injured the mammal.